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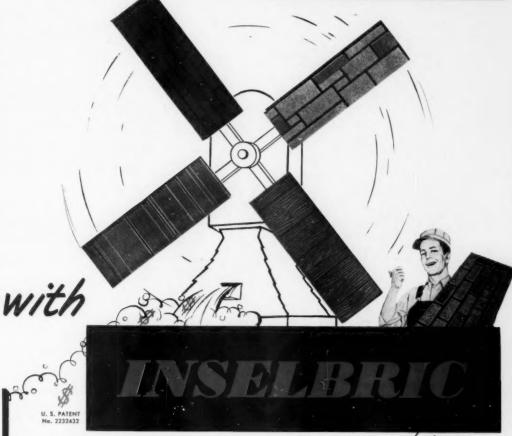
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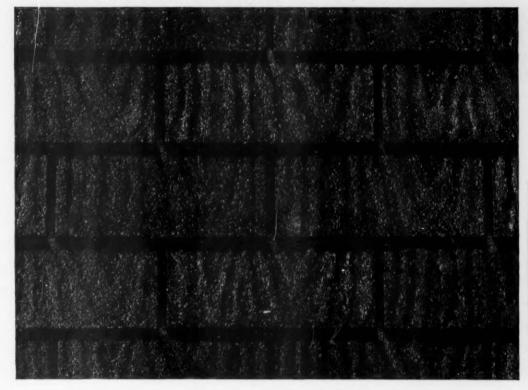
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"I have never found a completely contented salesman who was not somewhat static in his outlook, in his approach to his job and in his relations with the trade. I think a static salesman cannot be a successful salesman. Constructive critical analysis of himself, his territory, his customers, and even his policies and products, for the purpose of improving all these things, in my opinion is one of the jobs of an intelligent, aggressive, and successful salesman.

"This attitude, balanced by good judgment, I believe is a distinct attribute to a salesman and a valuable asset to his company.

"Certainly no progressive company can retain its position of leadership if it tolerates a self-satisfied or complacent attitude among its salesmen or its executives.

"It is my strong conviction that there is no place for complacent contentment in the mind of any man who is engaged in competitive business or, for that matter, in any creative work, until after his retirement.

"It has been said that knowledge derived from experience is one of the most valuable assets possessed by any man in any field of activity. In the experience of an alert and intelligent salesman, he can learn much from his daily contacts which will help him and his company in his work. No man or no company has a monopoly on the best ideas, policies, sales plans, or products. The leaders in any given industry excel in all these things; but even they can learn and profit by observation and experience. If they closed their minds and their eyes to methods and techniques used by their competitors and others,

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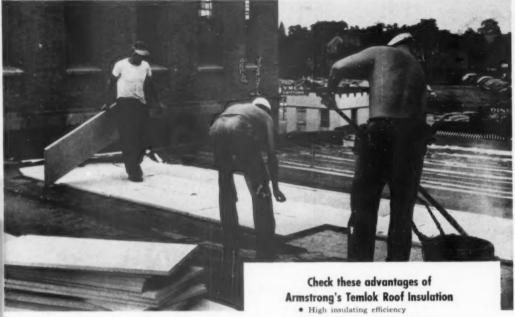
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## BUSINESS IN 1950?

## "It Will Be BETTER"

As is customary in the first issue of the New Year, AMERICAN ROOFER & SIDING CONTRACTOR presents its annual forecasts of conditions in the Roofing, Siding and Insulation industries by two outstanding association leaders. Their opinions are presented as they have written them and, of course, they are not necessarily those of the publication.

By JOHN E. MARSHALL

President, Northeastern Roofing, Siding and Insulating Contractors Association

WE in Nersica territory are looking forward to 1950 with considerable expectancy for an improved business position. This optimism is principally based on predictions for a bigger and more prosperous 1950, both by independent and government economists; then too, we realize that the roofing, siding, insulating and combination storm window contractors have behind them almost two years of a buyers' market and thus have again learned that selling "is the thing."

We in the Northeast who, like our brothers elsewhere, (Continued on next Page) By BEN J. ESKO

President, National Roofing Contractors'
Association

WHAT is ahead for the roofing, siding and installation contractor in 1950? I predict that business should hold up in volume equal to that in 1949. It is even possible that business in 1950 will exceed 1949 as no one expects to see a recurrence of the slump which occurred in the Spring of 1949.

There is little doubt that the actual physical volume of work will exceed that of 1949, but the dollar value of this work may be lower if the present price trend continues. The slump in the first part of 1949 caused a

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BEN J. ESKO

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(Continued from preceding Page) fairly large percentage of contractors to drop prices below a level fair both to contractors and building owners.

This factor should encourage contractors wishing to maintain a high level of income to make a re-examination of their costs of doing business, for unless these costs are known and used as a basis for determining overhead and profit, no accurate estimates can be made.

#### Cost Control Needed

The contractor must learn how much it costs him to operate on the volume of business he can reasonably expect. If he adds to these costs accurate labor and material costs and a reasonable percentage for profit, his end-of-year figures will be in the right color of ink.

Like other associations in the building industry whose members depend for a large volume of business on deferred payment contracts, the National Association has been in the forefront of the fight which secured the renewal of Title I. of the National Housing Act, and our friends in the U. S. Senate and House have advised us that when it expires it will undoubtedly be renewed again if not made a permanent feature of Government insured financing.

Let me add that the 1950 market for roofing, siding and insulation contractors will be again a buyers' market in which competitive conditions will be even more marked.

Taking this into consideration on the basis of a volume of 65,000,000 squares of asphalt and tarred roofing products, it seems likely that the contractors engaged in roofing and siding will have (Continued on Page 33)

## Marshall

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coasted so long in a seller's market, now know that a revival and revitalized sales force is the answer to getting back that dollar volume being grabbed by *superior* selling of television, automobiles, appliances and other non-essential items. Many such sales forces are now built up by contractors in our territory and are functioning, "It's" the answer to every problem of volume.

## Many Optimistic Signs

By way of substantiating our optimism for 1950 we wish to point out there are many factors working at high level operations in support of our feelings, including easy credit, record consumer incomes, rising money supply, stable labor conditions, rising population, tax prospects favorable to investment and spending and last, but not least, the close to \$3,000,000,000, insurance dividends to veterans. To take advantage of these favorable trends, again I'd like to urge stepped up intelligent selling.

There are really no bad spots in the business picture for the year ahead. Total spending in the United States is expected to reach almost \$267,000,000,000., a record level. In the boom year of all booms, 1948, the total spending only reached about two hundred sixty-two and a half billions of dollars. The 1949 total spending is expected to reach not more than two hundred and sixty billions.

## Population and Income Rising

The U. S. population in 1950 will probably reach about 151,500,000 persons as compared with 149,200,000 in 1949 and only 132,000,000 in 1940. Individual *incomes* in 1949 will approximate \$210,000,000,000. but in 1950 will probably increase to \$220,-000,000,000.

Rising standards of living promise more desire for home improvements thus more prospects for our contractors. Yes! Things look good to us here in the Northeast, IF, everyone goes out selling again. We can't compete with the door to door salesmen of non-essential items, for the home owners' dollars, unless we revise and improve our selling techniques and efforts.



JOHN E. MARSHALL

Dne of the chief weapons the roofing, siding, insulating and combination storm window contractors have is installment selling with FHA Title I to insure the loans.

#### FHA Must Be Continued

Nersica was acclaimed nationally as the leader of the effort to keep FHA active when its legal date of closing came round June 30, 1949. That fight is now history and the only thing important is that until March 1, 1950, we have FHA facilities available. After that no one knows, except we here in the Northeast are aware that the effort to keep FHA active after March 1, 1950, cannot lag; our association has never stopped contacting the administration, Senators and Representatives to bring about an early 1950 decision.

We, in all our propaganda, have constantly asked for a PERMANENT FHA. Our members have been asked to contact and confer with their Senators and Representatives before they return to Washington. They have been advised to ask for a PERMANENT FHA. We have reminded them that come March 1, 1950, a June, August or September, 1949, period of uncertainty may again confront them and so they should urge their representatives in Congress to return to Washington to promote a permanent FHA.

We fought hard for FHA in the interest of the home improvement contractors in 1949 and we promise renewed greater effort to have Congress (Continued on Page 26)

# Taking Customers To Completed Jobs "On The Site" Brings Volume Sales To Texas Roofer

By ALBERT KESHEN

Special To American Roofer & Siding Contractor

A "SIGHT-SEEING" tour during which prospective customers are taken on an automobile trip of the neighborhood to see for themselves types of roofing the company has installed (and discuss the work with the satisfied home-owner), is being used successfully by State Roofers, 501 South Comal St., to convince skeptics who are hesitant about placing their orders.

"This type of demonstration is a natural for us," said H. E. Pitts, office manager, "since most of our jobs are standardized metal trim and special shingle work which stand out prominently. Practically everyone we call on exhibits natural Texan hospitality and we have no difficulty at all in gaining admittance and going into a dis-

cussion of roofing with the owner. We don't stop at every one of the houses we pass by, but usually pick out one of the several demonstrated for a personal call."

Another important psychological factor pointed out by Mr. Pitts in this type of demonstration is to avoid having both man and wife sit together, preferably one in the front and the other

State Roofers, of San Antonio have several unique ideas for increasing business. Bringing the customers to actually see completed jobs as a demonstration of the quality of work done is only one of several incentives. Another is the "every salesman his own salesmanager idea."

in the rear. This arrangement is to prevent any bickering or sharp differences of opinion between them which might hinder a sale.

#### Maintain Standard Fee

"Every once in a while," continued Mr. Pitts, "our guest will endeavor to button-hole the home-owner and ask him confidentially what he was charged in order to compare prices. But since we maintain a standard fee for all our jobs there's no trouble on that score."

In the course of such visual demonstrations, State Roofers' representative points out that the installation includes a 19-inch selvage-edge roofing of tar paper hot mopped over the corrugated iron. This material is a tar felt substance cut from a 36-inch roll with 19 inches of it covered with granule. It serves as an extra inducement and is often the factor that swings a sale.

## Use of Decals

State Roofers' salesmen's cars and trucks driving through southwest Texas also give the company advertising by having pasted on their windshields decalcomania stickers giving the name of the business, cities located, and "Roofing Specialists" in large type.

"These stickers are easily readable at a distance of about 150 feet," said William R. Johnson, general sales manager of the San Antonio office. "They serve as moving reminders of our services and have attracted considerable comment and attention. In fact, we were lucky enough to win first prize for the idea at the 1948 convention of the Marking Device Association in Chicago."

Practices such as these, including intensive house-to-house canvassing (Continued on Page 28)



The quonset hut type of building shown in the illustration above has proven an economical and valuable structure for combining offices and warehouses of State Roofers, San Antonio, Texas.

# 24 Objections To Signing And How To Overcome Them

(The Second in this new series of articles gives several more of the 24 objections and the answers to them.)

## "Will Not Go Into Debt for the Job

The first thing that you explain to this man is that practically all homes have for years been bought under some mortgage plan, under which the owners paid off interest and principal in monthy payments or semi-annual payments, etc. You must call to their attention that if these plans were not available, how would anyone own homes. Explain to them that monthly payments were not instituted to inconvenience them, but were started to make it easier for people to have things which they could not obtain otherwise. Go on to explain to them how different people in other walks of life than theirs-some making more money, some less-have taken advantage of the privilege of having their homes re-roofed, re-sided and insulated-having the use of this protection against fire, water, wind, disease, etc., while they are conveniently paying for the improvements out of their budget.

Also bring out the facts that the improvements represent a systematic method of investment; that they are paying for the work in "losses" whether they improve now or wait; and that doing the work now stops the "losses" which they are paying for.

## Credit Given is Confidential

It is important that you convince these people that the credit given them is absolutely a confidential matter—that in no way could even their next door neighbor or best friend find out that

Ceurtesy Ruberoid Company

they had bought a Roof, Siding or Insulation job under this plan. are people who really never have bought anything unless they have the money to pay for it, and they are sincere in their belief that it is best not to-but it is your job to talk to them in a friendly, confidential way, as a banker would, and explain that in their particular case you are acting as their banker did when he loaned them the money to buy that same house with. Dignity of a doctor, surgeon or banker's manner and selfconfidence on the part of the salesman or estimator are the two strongest weapons that you have in a case of this kind. Be very careful never to mention the name of anyone, even though asked for it, when trying to sell one of these cash buyers on a time payment plan. This, of course, to convince them that the deal is confidential.

There is another thought that is most important in a case of this kind: People who are not easily sold on time payments must always have a reserve that they are just as reluctant to let go of as they are to sign up on a monthly payment plan. In other words, they are very good prospects, and if they do not have a bank account, very often they have the cash right in their own home. Hence, it is well to revert to a sales presentation rearranged to sell the job for cash, if you seem to be unable to put over the time payment deal. That is, change your tactics, assuming that you had decided to quote them your figures "on time" at the start.

## "Other Companies Give Longer Guarantees"

Admit this at once, by stating that you are well aware of the fact that there are many roofers and carpenters who are guaranteeing their work for much longer than 10 years, some for 17 years and even 20 years. The next step is to explain that your company is one of the (Continued on Page 32)

## REAL LOOKING SHAKE DESIGN INSULATING SIDING



The new shake design insulating siding shown above is widely used for modernization. It has an actual overlap that produces natural shadow lines. Manufactured on a core of regular Graylite insulation board the siding combines both insulation and a new exterior surface. Courtesy Insulic Division

## **NERSICA Meets In Atlantic City**

## For Second Straight Year

February 13, 14 and 15, 1950

DETAILED plans for the 1950 Convention of the Northeastern Roofing, Siding and Insulating Contractors Association, Inc., released by C. N. Nichols, Managing Director, indiate that a larger and better planned convention to be held at the same site in Atlantic City, can be expected this year. The dates are Monday through Wednesday, February 13th to 15th.

Feature of this year's Convention is the Product Clinic in which a number of national manufacturers' associations will participate. Each association will be represented by a panel of at least three men, experts respectively in the fields of sales, advertising and publicity, and technical aspects of the types of products they represent. Following each assigned session there will be a question and answer period.

The following associations will participate:

Asbestos Cement Products Association

Asphalt Roofing Industry Bureau Cotton Insulation Association Insulating Siding Association

National Combination Storm Window Manufacturers Association

National Mineral Wool Association

Stained Shingle and Shake Association

Among the speakers representing the associations will be T. D. Cole, President of the Lockport Cotton Batting Company and President of the Cotton Insulating Association since its inception in 1943. In conjunction with Lawrence M. Gilman of Gilman Brothers Company, Gilman, Connecticut, Mr. Cole will present the case for the



The Chalfonte-Haddon Hall

cotton insulating industry at the 1950 Nersica Convention.

#### **Association Leaders**

Fred H. Sides, Jr., Executive Secretary of the National Mineral Wool Association will head the panel of the Mineral Wool industry. Lee H. Mattes, President of Mastic Asphalt Siding Corporation, will serve as Chairman of the Panel of the Insulating Siding Association. R. G. Breeden, Secretary-

Manager of the Insulating Siding Association will also be on the Panel. The I. S. A. will devote itself to discussion of better application methods.

Representing the Asphalt Roofing Industry Bureau will be James L. Strahan, Technical Director, who will lead the Panel presentation for the asphalt industry.

## Revised Hotel Plans

Some changes have been announced by Mr. Nichols in hotel plans for the Convention. The American Plan is optional at this year's convention, and the European Plan may be chosen in its place. Nersica has "run of the house" with rooms allotted on a first come, first served basis. The rates per day are as follows:

#### American Plan

Two persons in twin-bedded room \$25 One person in single room 13

## European Plan

Two persons in twin-bedded room \$13



Once again the main dining hall of the Haddon Hall Hotel will provide the scene of formal luncheons and dinners and major presentations at the 1950 Convention of NERSICA. Exposition booths will be in the same Hotel.

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## Program, Exhibitors and Exposition Floor P.

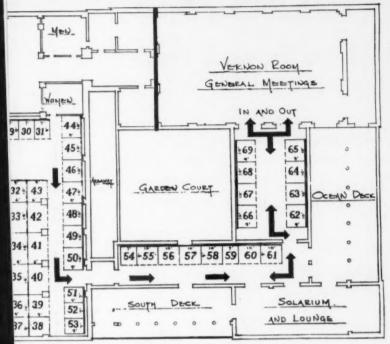
#### PROGRAM MONDAY FEBRUARY 13th \*\* 10:00 A.M.—AWNINGS AND CANOPIES Panel Leader: J. E. ORCHARD, President, Orchard Brothers 11:00 A.M.—COMBINATION STORM WINDOWS Panel Leader: FRANK C. RUSSELL, President, F. C. Russell Co. 2:00 P.M.—ASSESTOS PRODUCTS Auspices Asbestos Cement Products Association Panel Leader: L. ROHE WALTER, Adv. Mgr., The Flintkote Co. 3:00 P.M.-INSULATED SIDING Auspices Insulating Siding Association Panel Leader: LEE H. MATTES, President, Mastic Asphalt Company -28 4:00 P.M.—ALUMINUM SIDING AND STONE SIDING Leaders Not Yet Selected 27 26 TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14th \*\* 1 .25 10:00 A.M.-NERSICA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING EY LOUDSE. 2:00 P.M.—INSULATION Auspices National Mineral Wool Association and Cotton Insulation Association Panel Leaders: 20 3 4 5 9 . Mineral Wool-FRED H. SIDES, Secretary, National Mineral Wool 1.23 Association Cottom— T. D. COLE, President, Lockport Cotton Batting Co. Other Types of Insulation and Accessories as Exhibited Will Also Be Discussed. COUNTER 2 Registration 13 14 15 16 17 18 140.00 140.00 22 21 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15th SUN PORCH 10:00 A.M.-ASPHALT PRODUCTS AND LOUNGE -ASPMALT PRODUCTS Auspices Asphalt Roofing Industry Panel Leader: JAMES L. STRAHAN, Technical Director, Asphalt Roofing Industry Bureau HOLING LOUNGE 11:00 A.M.—STAINED SHINGLES AND SHAKES Auspices Stained Shingle and Shake Association Exposition Floor Pla

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## an 1950 NERSICA Convention



Main Floor, Haddon Hall Hotel.

## Atlantic City

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One person in single room

Varied Program

Programs which proved popular a
year ago will be repeated at this year's
Convention. There will be a Monte

Convention. There will be a Monte Carlo Night and a special series of events for women who attend the show. The Chalfonte-Haddon Hall will be the headquarters for these festivities.

Mr. Nichols announced that several special trains would take guests from various sections of the country to the Convention. One such train will originate in Buffalo, New York, and another will travel through the New England States. For those coming from the New York and Philadelphia vicinity there is frequent scheduled service.

Annual Elections

An important event of every Nersica Convention is the Annual Election of Officers. The offices of President, four Vice-Presidents, and members of the Board of Directors will be filled for the coming year. 1949 Officers were:

J. E. Marshall, President; L. A. Kahn, C. W. Peck, L. A. Randall, and J. E. Somerset, Vice-Presidents; Don Lingenfelter, Treasurer, and R. J. Tobin, General Chairman of the Con-

vention Committee.

## Telephone Directory Fakers Milk Contractors of Plenty

(Continuing the series from Newsday, crusading Long Island newspaper, on schemes and tricks which the contractor should be on the lookout for. Report those that come to your attention to the local Better Business Bureau.)

The peddlers of the "Clip 'Em and Paste 'Em" schemes need neither a silver tongue nor a supply of high pressure. Their stock-in-trade is a classified section of the telephone directory, a pair of shears, a paste pot and a merchant who doesn't read what he signs.

A fast operator whom we shall call Sylvester Brown made a fine bankroll out of the scheme two years ago, and his counterparts still keep themselves in champagne with the same racket all over the country.

Brown, his wife and son sat down with a telephone directory one day, cut out the ads of independent merchants

and pasted them on printed invoice forms. Then Brown began making the rounds. Somehow, he usually managed to drop in while the businessman was busiest.

He flashed the form with the yellow ad pasted at one side and asked, in a tone that implied he really didn't care, "You'll be taking an ad this year, won't von?"

The merchant, who had been taking classified ads for 20 years, mumbled "sure,' looked at the price (\$100 for a five-inch ad) and reached for his

Two weeks later, he was sitting in an assistant district attorney's office, bellowing with rage. When he signed, he had given only one glance to the invoice form and had read "Classified Directory" printed in large letters at the head of the page.

## Sucker Takes Second Look

When the bill came, he took a longer look. The invoice was for something called "Household Guide Directory—distribution 5,000 guaranteed free to a selected group of homeowners in Nassau County."

"I thought I was taking an ad for the telephone directory," he wailed. "Now this crook says I have to pay \$100 for an ad that I'll be lucky if 500 look at. Do I have to pay?"

The invoice form was cleverly designed to delude the buyer and elude the law. True, it said "Classified Directory," but also carried the name of the publisher and warned the signer to "read carefully." The merchant who didn't read carefully paid.

# Plasticized Waterproofing Agent May Solve Roof and Sidewall Problems

Twentieth Century Builders Corp.
Tampa, Fla.

THE intense heat of southern summers and the three months rainy season in Florida present an enormous problem in waterproofing. Buildings are almost invariably concrete block covered with stucco. Industrial buildings in many instances have metal roofs, some brick, and concrete monolith construction. Unusual expansion and contraction takes place due first to the heat and then to the quick cooling by the tropical rain. It is safe to say that almost every building in Florida. Southern Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas need waterproofing to some degree.

During several months of working with the best waterproofing materials available, the results were good, but never quite 100%. This caused Alfred C. Bergman of the Twentieth Century Builders Corp. to make a personal study of the causes of leaks after waterproofing had been applied to walls and roofs. The principal causes were expansion and contraction of the buildings, causing cracking, structural cracks due to settlement, and the tendency of water paints and walls to become saturated. The extreme action of the sun soon took the life out of the oil paint, as did the excessive "suction" of the raw concrete to which it was usually applied.

## Best Roofs Ruined By Weather

Probably the greatest culprit in the picture was the roof. The action of the sun and the changes in temperature played hob with the finest roof, causing the felt to dry out, curl up, asphalt to allegate, and the saturation of the built-up roofing to disappear. First the joints

would leak and then the flashing and parapet.

With this roofing problem in mind Twentieth Century never did a waterproofing job without first inspecting



Waterproofing of area around window.

the roof of a building and telling the owner, when necessary, that it would have to be repaired before they could undertake to underwrite efficiency of waterproofing the side walls. In addition, no caulking compound could be relied upon to do a lasting job in the cracks and around the windows. Sun would quickly dry it out and it would lose its efficiency. In the case of roofs the owner usually told Twentieth Century to go ahead and fix the roof so the whole job would be under their supervision and their responsibility. Despite every effort to secure roofs against moisture penetration; despite the use of the finest types of roofing and asphalt; the trouble often reoccurred.

It was then that Mr. Bergman decided that the old method of waterproofing roofs and side walls was inadequate, Remembering his Navy days during World War II when he received instruction at the Preservation School in the Philadelphia Yard in the technique of "mothballing the fleet." Mr. Bergman wrote to R. M. Hollingshead Corporation, asking particulars about their strippable plastic material for civilian use. Hollingshead promptly replied with several hundred gallons of the plastic compound for experimental purposes. Weeks of experimentation followed. The material was tried alone: it was tested in combination with various other materials, and various side wall finishes. The results were dramatic.

Tests reveal that the strippable plastic material can waterproof and moisture proof packages, B-29's, ships, and



Waterproofing sidewalls and closing cracks with spray equipment.

Courtesy R. M. Hollingshead Corp.

various other material by simply wrapping them up in it. The same principle could be applied to buildings. They, too, could be wrapped up, roof and side walls, in the material.

## Makes Lasting Finish

It was found that the material used in combination with either plastic coating or standard oil paint made a lasting and handsome finish to an exterior wall; that its tensile strength was sufficient to resist expansion and contraction of the building; that sprayed into the opening where trim met side wall it provided a permanently elastic caulking; that the same treatment for cracks permanently closed them; and that the caulking itself became one with the exterior applications of the material, since wet or dry, it welded to itself.

For roofs, it was found, the spraying over the entire area and including the insides and tops of the parapet formed a moisture and waterproof coating. To this was added a heavy coating of fine branded asphalt for body and wear. Over all, then, was applied a very high quality aluminum paint, based either in plastic or asphaltic compound. This last to reduce roof temperatures and interior temperatures, and to add many vears to the life of the asphalt, since it formed a protection from the worst enemy of asphalt, the sun. The roof now looks like a great expanse of silver plate, one great continuous surface. The roof could be applied over old built-up roof with or without gravel, (loose gravel brushed off) or directly on the



Window caulking with the plasticized waterproofing material.



Roof and parapet above illustrate the principle of "continuous seal."

sheeting itself, as was done in the case of a large cold storage plant in this area. Now, they had a light weight, water tight roof, wrapping up a building almost exactly the way the Army wraps its B-29's.

The new material has the character



Treatment of flashing around superstructure of roof.

of "continuous seal." In those two words lie the secret of its adaptability for roofing. It will seal corners; provide continuous seal over the parapet on down the wide wall, there to be finished exactly as the side, or finished off the top of the building just below the parapet.

## Quickly Becomes Solid

It is interesting to note that though the plastic compound is a liquid, when it becomes a solid upon contact with air, it takes on permanently the set or pattern of the surface to which it is applied. In other words, with the material around a building you have actually formed a cast of that building, so that even if it did not bond of itself it couldn't fall off.

This treatment has been successful

on the refrigeration plants of two of Florida's largest citrus concentrate factories. The roofs are built-up with the Twentieth Century process right from fabricated board which was used as a combination decking and insulation. The joints were not a close fit. They received special treatment with spun glass membrane for extra protection. This roof solves another problem that has plagued refrigeration and cold storage plants from time immemorial. The seal stops the suction caused by the cold air inside drawing the moisture from the warm air outside. The seal is so efficient it completely eliminates the formation of ice and icicles, and the saturation of the insulation within the building. The reduction of the weight did much, too, to aid in construction.

On metal roofs the seal is good protection. There are many of these in the South, possibly because being metal, their purchasers expect them to last for many years. The reverse is just the case. Metal roofs corrode; they expand and contract to a far greater degree than any other type of roof; and they are sound conductors, noisy in rain or hail. They are also either intensely hot or intensely cold. There are many instances where the laps are not sufficient, and rain with wind behind it drives into the building. The expansion and contraction pulls the nails right out of the sheeting. The new material will cover a metal roof, again with a continuous seal principle, allowing for the unusual expansion and contraction. It deadens sound, has some insulating value, and protects against corrosion. The nail

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## Aluminum Awnings and Kits

Sold in a box or custom-installed, the new C-Thru Awnings made of aluminum, are now available for distribution by roofing and siding contractors.

The new aluminum awning has horizontal louvres similar in appearance to venetian blinds. Among improved designs of the awning is the "crowning" or curving of the louvres for beauty, strength and diffusion of light, and the addition of a rain lip to the back edge of each louvre. The unique feature of the Awning is the patented method of supporting each louvre under spring tension, in a semi-open position on the louvre support rail, by means of supporting posts,



which are an integral part of the support rail.

Also available is a kit called the C-Thru
Awning-Kit. Anybody who can use a screw
driver can assemble the awning in a few
minutes. When packed for shipment the kit

nests snugly into a corrugated cardboard con-

tainer 4" wide by 3" by lengths of from 3 feet to 12 feet.

The C-Thru Aluminum Awning Company manufactures the kits and the awnings.

## Porcelain Enamel Shingles

Called Glasiron, a porcelain enamel roof shingle manufactured since 1924 is now available in brand new different colors, according to a booklet recently released by the Wolverine Porcelain Enameling Company and available to the trade.

The company claims to offer an unlimited choice of non-fading colors—permanent, fire-proof, waterproof, light weight. The product is custom built for each roof according to accurate drawings.

## Booklet on Direct Mail

The availability of a new NRDGA publication, "How To Use Direct Mail Successfully," has been announced by Howard P. Abrahams, Manager of the Sales Promotion Division and Visual Merchandising Group of the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

This new NRDGA book includes chapters devoted to 1) The amount of direct mail being used, and the advantages of its use by retailers; 2) Direct mail objectives; 3) Building direct mail lists; 4) Determining the type of printing to use in direct mail; 5) Art and typography; 6) How to use photography; 7) Estimating results of direct mail; 8) Typical examples of profit making direct mail pieces.

Additional features included are a sixty page rotogravure Christmas catalogue of Sibley, Lindsay & Curr, Rochester, New York, a typical Macy handbill, a Valentine mailing to customers by the Hecht Company of Washington, and a manufacturer's bill stuffer from Revlon Incorporated.

#### Siding Application Manual

Standardized methods approved by cooperating firms in the Insulating Siding Association, of application of insulating siding, have been brought together in an authorized booklet called the "Insulating Siding Application Manual."

This Manual can be had without charge by writing to this Department, or to the Insulating Siding Association direct. Every type of insulating siding and valuable additional information comes under consideration in the information-packed. Manual.

Heavy Duty Shear

New shear for heavy duty sheet metal cutting is offered under the trade name of Super-Shear. It will cut steel sheets, rod and bar stock up to ½ in thick and even thicker sections of non-ferrous metals. Tool employs a combination of compound lever, rack, and gear to multiply the force exerted on operating handles.

In cutting larger sheets up to 36 in thickness, shear is placed on the floor, supported by rollers attached to lower jaw and held in position by a foot pedal. One or both hands may then be applied to the operating handle. Rack and gear may be disengaged, permitting the shear to be used

For detailed information on products noted in this department drop a card to "What's New," American Roofer, 425 4th Ave., N. Y. 16, N. Y.

as a straight hand shear. Lower handle may be placed in a vise for semi-permanent use as bench shear.

Overall length of shear is 36 in.; length of blade, 9 in.; weight, 27 lbs. Illustrated circular is available.

## **Putty Knives and Wall Scrapers**

The Seal Rite Caulking Co. has recently enlarged the scope of its operations to include the manufacture of putty knives and wall scrapers.

The new product consists of three lines, the "Imperial" line, the "Martin" line and the "Champion" line—three quality lines designed to meet the needs of all classes of trade.



The lines are of high-grade workmanship, incorporating custom work far above that in the ordinary commercial knife or scraper. They are made of cutlery steel, with finest wood handles and 3 large rivets ranging in size from 1½" through 3½" wide—stiff, semi-flex and full flex. They are packed 6 to a die-cut box—1 gross to a master carton.

Stapling Hammer

Heavy wire staples are driven into hardwod, sheet aluminum and hardboard by a stapling hammer that has a whiplike action. By a linkage inside the hammer head, the power of the blow is multiplied to force the staple into hard materials. Another feature is a transparent handle cover, enabling the operator to see the staple supply.

## \* \* \* All Metal Folding Rule

Watson's all metal, folding rule is 5%" wide, has a white face for easy reading of numerals and calibrations, and is equipped with spring steel joints that snap into place and remain absolutely rigid. This measuring device also has inside markings for additional

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# NEWS OF THE MONTH



ASSOCIATIONS + COMPANIES + PERSONALITIES + GOVERNMENT

## Ratcliff Named Director Of Housing Research at HHFA

Appointment of Dr. Richard U. Ratcliff of the University of Wisconsin as Director of the new HHFA Division of Housing Research, authorized under the Housing Act of 1949, was announced by Administrator Raymond M. Foley of the Housing and Home Finance Agency. He assumed his duties as director on January 2.

Dr. Fatcliff comes to his new position with some 20 years of varied experience in the housing field, nicluding business, teaching, government, consulting, writing and research in the economic and social phases of housing, planning and real estate. He formerly was with the National Housing Agency, predecessor to the HHFA, serving at various times as an assistant regional representative, as Chief of Housing Economics, and as Director of the Homes Use Division in the war housing period. He has also served as consultant to the HHFA and its constituents, Public Housing Administration and Federal Housing Administration. Since 1944, he has been Professor of Land Economics, School of Commerce, at the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Ratcliff will have the benefit of the guidance and advice of a staff of specialists and of a research panel in the formulation of the research program. This panel will include representatives of various segments of the homebuilding industry, public service groups and professional and academic technicians.

## **Building Materials Sales Trainees Graduate From Armstrong Course**

Six members of the Armstrong Cork Company's Building Materials Division Sales Training Class have completed their course in dealer products and have been assigned to offices throughout the country, company officials have announced.

James H. Emack has been assigned to the Boston office; Walter H. King to New Orleans; Robert M. Pierce to Minneapolis; Richard M. Reid to New York; Eugene F. Ruether, Jr. to Detroit; and Porter R. Taylor, Jr. to Philadelphia.

## Johns-Manville Elects I. C. Raymond Atkin A Director

I. C. Raymond Atkin of (92 Knollwood Road) Short Hills, New Jersey, was elected a Director of Johns-Manville Corporation by action of the Board of Directors, it was announced by Lewis H. Brown, Chairman. Mr. Atkin is a Vice President, Director

Mr. Atkin is a Vice President, Director and member of the Executive Committee of J. P. Morgan & Co. Incorporated. His election to the Board of Directors of Johns-Manville Corporation fills a vacancy created

by the death of the late E. T. Stannard, President of Kennecott Copper Corporation.

Mr. Atkin is Chairman of the Foreign Exchange Tommittee of the New York Money Market. He is a member of the Association of Reserve City Bankers, a member of the Bankers Association for Foreign Trade, and a member of the National Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association. He is also Trustee of the Diocesan Investment Trust Fund of the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey.

## Ernest F. Stecher of Stewart-Warner Dies Suddenly

Ernest F. Stecher, 55, general traffic manager for Stewart-Warner Corporation since



ERNEST F. STECHER

1934, died Monday, December 19, following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered three days earlier.

A native of Chicago, Stecher had been in traffic work since 1911. An active member of several traffic and shipping associations, he was licensed to practice before the Interstate Commerce Commission. He served with the United States Railroad Administration during World War I.

He is survived by his widow, his father, one daughter, a brother, two sisters, and two grandchildren.

## Fairfield Re-elected President of Insulation Board Institute

M. C. Fairfield of Minneapolis, general sales manager of the Insulite Division of the

Minnesota and Ontario Paper Co., was reelected president of the Insulation Board Institute, trade association of the insulating board manufacturing industry at the annual meeting, held in Chicago, Illinois.

D. D. Crandell, National Gypsum Company, was elected vice president, with the following elected as directors: E. C. Faulkner, United States Gypsum Company; J. Z. Hollmann, Flintkote Company; W. R. Wilkinson, Johns-Manville Sales Corporation; D. M. Pattie, Wood Conversion Co. and Marvin Greenwood, Celotex Corporation.

## Building Research Advisory Board To Study Relation of Weather To The Building Industry

The new Building Research Advisory Board, an agency of the National Research Council, has scheduled its first research correlation conference for January 11-12 in Washington. Entitled "Weather and the Building Industry," the conference will consider climatological research and its effect on building design, construction, materials, and equipment.

Since the weather and climate influence all types of building design and construction, the subject chosen for the conference illustrates the aim of the Board to bring men from all fields of building research together with scientists of other fields, for the purpose of exchanging ideas and furthering cooperation in research. Through the conference it is hoped that the requirements of building research for weather data may be defined; and the climatologists, on their part, will explain how such data is obtained and what information is already available.

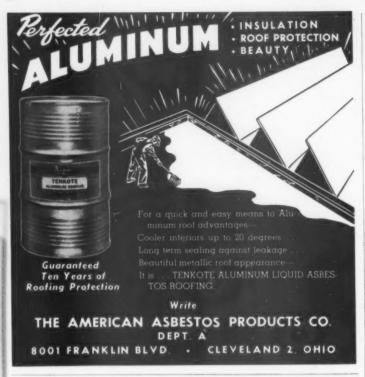
Francis W. Reichelderfer, Chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau, will participate in the conference. Dr. Reichelderfer has emphasized that while the Bureau is a source of extensive data on climatology, and is continually seeking to make this data more useful to industries.

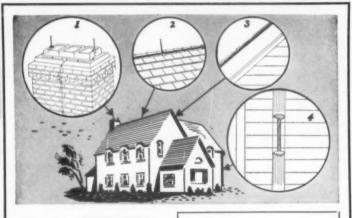
## Kumler Is New Asst. Dir. Of FHA Columbus, O. Insuring Office

The appointment of Karl W. Kumler as Assistant District Director of the Columbus, Ohio Insuring Office of the Federal Housing Administration effective December 1, 1949, has been announced. Upon the retirement of District Director A. L. Guckert, who will reach retirement age in February, Mr. Kumler will be advanced to the position of District Director.

Mr. Kumler, widely known throughout Ohio, was one of the early employees of PHA. He joined the staff in January 1935 as field representative in the Columbus office. He later was advanced to the position of

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"While I agree completely that a salesman should 'steer clear of close alliances' with competitors and entirely refrain from 'being pally,' I think it is an important part of his job to observe, evaluate, and report all competitive developments in policies, plans and products affecting his business and that of his company.

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"In any reference to competitive conditions, price of course is a factor, but nothing more. I think there are many other factors involved in competitive conditions which are more important than price alone."

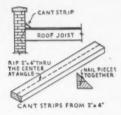


Is "American Roofer & Siding Contractor" giving more and better service to the contractor? A look at 1948 in (Continued on Page 26)

# Short Cuts LUDOWICI

## How to Make Cant Strips For Flat Roof

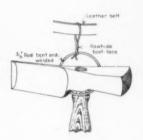
When making cant strips for a roof, I use a 2x4 cut diagonally as shown. The small piece which is ripped off is nailed to the larger



piece, making a solid unit. The advantages of this over ripping a 4x4 is that this strip can be made on the jeb with a hand rip, or powered handsaw.-F. J. Heiman, Minneapolis, Minn.

## How to Carry Shingling Axe

The method indicated in the sketch shows a safe way to carry a sharp shingling axe with safety.



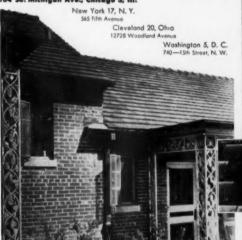
A 3/16-inch diameter rod is formed into a circle and welded where ends come together. A rawhide lace is wrapped around the metal ring, extended up and tied securely to workman's belt. In this manner the axe is held in place and is always handy when needed .- Submitted by J. G. Caldwell, San Mateo, Calif.

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When the St. Mary's Catholic Church at Defiance, Ohio had to be reroofed completely, including the steeple, contractor A. R. Carpenter, of that city, utilized Tubular Steel Scaffolding to get the job done. The scaffold was erected to a height of 40 feet and provided a four-foot plank walk for the workmen and also for storing the slate.

About two tons of slate were distributed along the scaffold during the operation. The guard rail afforded protection to the men and even the green workers moved just as freely as on the sidewalk. To accomplish the job on the steeple, simple straight steel ladders with braces and side brackets were used. The hoist for raising the slate operated up and down a shaft formed by the scaffolding towers.



Scene at the re-roofing of the St. Mary's Catholic Church at Defiance, Ohio where tubular steel scaffolding was erected to a height of 40 feet. The scaffolding was also used for storing the slate used on the roof.

Courtesy Bil-Jax Corp.

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cate we are. As we were going over our Annual Index printed in December we noted that there wasn't room for the subscription blank which had been published the year before. The reason was simple. There were 94 feature articles published in 1949 as against 82

in 1948. Departments picked up too. "Kinks & Shortcuts" appeared 11 times as against 6 times in 1948. "What's New" is now as regular as the masthead, having appeared every single month last year, as against only 10 times in 1948.

—S. H.

## News

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Administrative Assistant, and in 1945 resigned to go with the Guarantee Title and Trust Company where as Vice President he has charge of the company's mortgage loan department.

Mr. Guckert has been with the FHA for many years and pioneered its operations in Ohio. Under his direction the Columbus office has grown to be one of the most important in the middle West.

L. W. Clarke Elected A Director Of Carey

L. W. Clarke, vice president in charge of sales, the Philip Carey Mfg. Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected a director of Carey at its board of directors regular quarterly meeting held at the company's general offices.

Clarke is a 1913 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He served as a line officer in the U. S. Navy until late 1919 when he resigned to accept the position of assistant superintending engineer of the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company.

From 1924 to 1935 he served first as an engineer and later as sales manager for the Robert A. Keasbey Company. He left Keasbey to join Carey as insulation department manager in the company's New York office becoming New York district manager in 1937. In 1946 he was appointed general sales manager and early this year was elevated to his present position.

## Marshall

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stop all the uncertaintities about the worthwhile government agency by setting FHA up as a permanent department of government.

Greetings and best wishes to all contractors everywhere for a happy and prosperous 1950.

## Waterproofing Agent

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holes and the laps are especially treated with spun glass membrane.

The use of the plastic compound makes it unnecessary to rip up the old roof. It is fine for flat concrete or masonry roofs. It works excellently as a continuous seal roofing, no butts, no joints no laps, no beginnings, no ends, over vermiculite or zonolite roofs.

The material can be very easily applied with spray gun equipment, either in the South or in the North. As a matter of fact it probably could be more easily applied in the North than in the South. It is different from the old fashioned methods of roofing and waterproofing because of the continuous seal, its tensile strength, its characteristic of forming a pattern, its light weight, and its imperviousness to the elements.

## Offices In Florida

Twentieth Century Builders now has offices in St. Petersburg, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, and Bartow with the home office in Tampa. Some of the jobs are the Weather Bureau in Miami. U. S. Naval Air Station in Miami. Juice Industries, Inc., in Dunedin, Adams Packing Plant in Auburndale, Stovall Building in Tampa, First National Bank in Tampa, Beach Drive Hotel in St. Petersburg, Governors' Club Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, and many others including beautiful residences, commercial buildings, churches,

While the roof and side wall treatment has so far been done only in the South, there is no reason why it should not be used in any climate. Refrigeration plants everywhere have the same problem, and roofs in the North are subject to the same problem of expansion and contraction as in the South. The new material remains flexible from 40° below zero to 180°F, so it is ideal material for the North Pole as well as the Equator and all points in between. There is, of course, a knack and technique that must be mastered, as is true with any quality work. Once learned, and it is rather simple, roofs and side walls can be done quickly, easily, and inexpensively. The use of material for other types of waterproofing, including below grade work, is obvious and well known.



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## Texas Roofer

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which is not generally adopted by applicators in this section of the Southwest, have enabled State Roofers to build up an annual volume of about a half-million in roofing and siding. One natural reason, of course, for this marked rise in business is the favorable climatic conditions which enable applicators to work for 10 months of the year without serious weather interruptions.

## Closers Act As Sales Managers

But Mr. Pitts attributes the company's success largely to the internal organization set-up under which each of the 10 closers at the San Antonio office is considered a sales manager in his own right. Before being given an order the man is made to realize that he is solely responsible for the satisfactory completion of the job and that if there are any defaults on payment, the sales manager must make good the loss. A similar arrangement is conducted for the six closers who work with eight canvassers from the Houston office at 2816 Navigation Building.

The San Antonio sales managers work with a crew of 15 canvassers and are given no definite territorial restrictions. "We find this practice works out successfully since it gives every man an equal chance at prospects," said Mr. Pitts. "On more than one occasion a man has reworked a row of houses from which a previous canvasser was turned down and received a substantial number of orders."

Canvassers must turn in daily prospect cards giving the following information: name and address, when they intend to roof, what they plan to use, time of appointment, where husband works, if the roof leaks now, have they a price? If so, how much? How old the roof is, and how long they have lived at the address given.

#### Payment by Commission

Payment is made on a commission basis. On-the-job training is provided with new men making the rounds in company with experienced sales manager closers. The recruit is given a quota for his first week's assignment and if he meets it he is presented a brief case with the compliments of the company.

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## Books

Building Insulation, by Paul D. Close, B.S. 2nd Edition—Revised and Enlarged, contains 328 pages, 154 illustrations, 54 tables, is fully indexed, durably and handsomely bound in washable cloth to give the utmost in service. It is priced at \$4.50.

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Skrjight and Roof Tables, by H. Collier Smith. 134 Pages. S1.50. This is a time-saving reference book giving the true lengths of all bars for skylights and roof rafters of standard pitches. The author is a practical skylight man.

The New Tinsmith's Helper and Pattern Book. by Hall V. Williams. \$3.00. A working guide on tinsmithing and elementary sheet metal work.

Standard Costs for Sheet Metal Workers, by Alfred Baruch. \$4.00, Describes a practical cost keeping system.

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and are presented with an order book only after they fully realize the responsibilities involved.

To straighten out personal kinks and discuss problems, both sales managers and canvassers must report to the front office for a conference at 8:45 a.m. daily. They are required to check back with the office either by phone or in person at about 4:30 p.m. daily. At some of these morning sessions, manufacturers' representatives are invited to address the group and acquaint them with new developments in the field.

#### **Outside Promotion**

Although canvassing is relied on primarily to obtain leads, the only outside promotion the firm uses is a classified advertisement inserted daily in both local newspapers, San Antonio Express and San Antonio Light. Under the heading, "Leaky Roofs Repaired," the firm's name, address and phone is given. Results from this media have been an average of one job a week at a cost of \$2.40 for the advertisement, and it has additional value in its reminder effect on the public.

## Applicators On Their Own

The same arrangement of self-autonomy is carried out in the mechanical end of the business. There are 15 applicators working from the San Antonio office and six in Houston. These men must furnish their own equipment and rolling stock and are paid on a unit basis, although insurance and office administrative expenses are borne by the company. They have been averaging about 24 squares of roofing daily.

Many leads for orders are obtained from these mechanics who are trained to answer fully all questions put to them while they are at work, although they are told never to quote prices. On one occasion, a mechanic turned in a query which resulted in a \$1400 church job after a deacon had expressed interest in the work going on near his home.

### **Quonset Hut Offices**

A distinctive feature of the San Antonio office is the housing of the combined warehouse and two offices in a Quonset hut structure measuring about 100 feet in length and 40 feet wide. Made of corrugated iron, it was constructed by the company's workmen on the premises, which are rented, although the firm is contemplating putting up a similar type of structure at a nearby plot which they purchased.

The practical value of this Quonset (Continued on Page 33)

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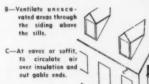
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largest of the big roofing manufacurers and which give guarantees on their roofing materials for 10 years. Now, if the manufacturer guarantees the roofing materials for 10 years, the responsibility after that time shifts to the roofer. You must have the information at hand to clearly show why your company is in a beter position to be in business 10 years from now than your competitors are. For instance, you must also bring out that although the manufacturers' guarantee on the materials in these jobs is for 10 years they believe, from laboratory tests, that their roofings and sidings will last a good many years bevond that time.

## Many Guarantees Only Selling Inducements

A guarantee is just as good as the person that offers it-and when a carpenter, roofer, dealer or mail order house has to offer a foolishly long-time guarantee, it should be made evident to a customer that there is something weak somewhere in the proposition. You may add at this time that an automobile is guaranteed for 90 days, with the labor expense paid by the customer to install the guaranteed parts. You draw this parallel to show that while an automobile which will cost from three to fifteen times as much as a roof or siidng will, it usually wears out in two years and is expensive to keep up, whereas a roof or siding will often last from 15 to 25 years or more, and rock wool insulation will last a lifetime, each without any expense at all, provided it is genuinea good first class material applied by well trained, experienced mechanics such as your company employs,

You can also bring out that if the

homeowners have been offered longer terms of guarantte than the roofing manufacturer will himself offer, they have been offered them simply as a sales inducement; that you offer a genuine guarantee on your materials and workmanship—a guarantee by your company that if any kind of adjustment is necessary, your company will make it without argument.

## Recent Death in the Family

If the deceased was the husband, it is a matter of record that the wife is very often not hard to sell a roof or siding or insulation job to. She has undoubtedly received insurance money, and has it for the payment. There is a certain type of salesman or estimator that can sell women who suddenly find themselves in this position. Kindness, detailed explanation of personal supervision that will be given the job by your company's Manager, and vourself, carry a lot of weight in a case of this kind. It is well for the salesman or estimator to have the names of several women for whom his company has done work while the customer was in the same position. Again, these people are not hard to sell,

The majority of widows have been provided with a sustaining income in some form, besides the home to live in, so you should always assume that they have the money.

If it was the woman that died, the salesman or estimator is not to consider the man any harder to sell a roof or siding or insulation job to than he was before this happened, provided enough time has elapsed since the death. By enough time is meant no longer than he would be delaying, under any other conditions, in purchasing anything he definitely needs.

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